

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An agent display apparatus displaying a personified agent for making the agent selectively perform a process, comprising:

- a first interface controlling display of said agent and inputting a request from a user;
- a second interface controlling an application program;
- an action script database-storing portion storing an action scriptsscript describing a procedure of controlling said first interface and said second interface;
- a searching portion searching in said action script database-storing portion for the action script, said searching portion searching for said action script -describing a procedure of controlling said first interface in accordance with the request input from said first interface, said action script searched for following the described procedure, and said first interface controlling display of said agent to start said application program; and
- an executing portion executing to control said application program through said second interface~~the action script searched by said searching portion.~~

2. (Original) The agent display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said executing portion includes a demonstrating portion controlling said first interface and making said agent demonstrate an operation procedure.

3. (Original) The agent display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first interface includes an agent displaying portion controlling an operation of said agent for display;

a voice outputting portion outputting a voice output from said agent; and
a voice inputting portion inputting a voice of the user for extracting said request.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (Original) The agent display apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising an accessing portion making an access to an electronic broadcast program list, and

an extracting portion extracting a program interesting the user with reference to the broadcast program list accessed by said accessing portion, wherein

said executing portion includes a controlling portion controlling said second interface for making said application program televise the program extracted by said extracting portion.

6. (Original) The agent display apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said extracting portion includes a storing portion acquiring and storing information on a program viewed by the user from the broadcast program list accessed by said accessing portion, and a program extracting portion extracting a keyword from the information on the program stored in said storing portion for extracting a program which interests said user in accordance with said extracted keyword with reference to said broadcast program list.

7. (Currently Amended) An agent display method displaying a personified agent for making the agent selectively perform a process, comprising the steps of:

a first step of controlling display of said agent and inputting a request from a user;
~~referring to an action script database storing action scripts;~~
a second step of controlling an application program;
a step of searching in said action script database for the an action script describing
a procedure of controlling said first step and said second step, said step of searching
including searching for said action script display of said agent in accordance with said
input the request input in said first step, said action script searched for following the
described procedure, and said first step controlling display of said agent to start said
application program; and
a step of executing to control said application program said through said second
~~stepsearched action script.~~

8. (Original) The agent display method according to claim 7, wherein said step of executing said action script includes the step of making said agent demonstrate an operation procedure.

9. (Original) The agent display method according to claim 7, wherein said step of controlling display of said agent and inputting the request from the user includes the steps of

controlling an operation of said agent for display,
outputting a voice produced by said agent, and
inputting a voice from the user and extracting said request.

10. (CANCELLED)

11. (Original) The agent display method according to claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

accessing an electronic broadcast program list; and
extracting a program which interests the user with reference to said accessed broadcast program list, wherein said step of executing said action script includes the step of making said application program televise said extracted program.

12. (Original) The agent display method according to claim 11, wherein said step of extracting the program which interests said user includes the steps of

acquiring information on a program viewed by the user from said accessed broadcast program list, and

extracting a keyword from the information on said accessed program for extracting a program which interests said user in accordance with said extracted keyword with reference to said broadcast program list.

13. (Currently Amended) A storage medium capable of being read with a computer storing a program for executing an agent display method of displaying a personified agent for making the agent selectively perform a process, said agent display method comprises the steps of:

a first step of controlling display of said agent and inputting a request from a user;
a second step of controlling an application program;
~~referring to an action script database storing action scripts;~~
a step of searching in said action script database for the an action script describing
a procedure of controlling said first step and said second step, said step of searching
including searching for said action script display of said agent in accordance with said
input the request input in said first step, said action script searched for following the
described procedure, and said first step controlling display of said agent to start said
application program; and

a step of executing to control said application program through said second
stepsearched action script.

14. (Original) The storage medium storing an agent display program according to claim 13, wherein said step of executing said action script includes the step of making said agent demonstrate an operation procedure.

15. (Original) The storage medium storing the agent display program according to claim 13, wherein said step of controlling display of said agent and inputting the request from the user includes the steps of
controlling an operation of said agent for display,
outputting a voice of said agent, and
inputting a voice of the user and extracting said request.

16. (CANCELLED)

17. (Original) The storage medium storing the agent display program according to claim 16, wherein said agent display method further comprises the steps of:
accessing an electronic broadcast program list; and
extracting a program which interests the user with reference to said accessed broadcast program list, and said step of executing said action script includes the step of making said application program televise said extracted program.

18. (Original) The storage medium storing the agent display program according to claim 17, wherein said step of extracting the program which interests said user includes the steps of acquiring information on a program viewed by the user from said accessed broadcast program list, and

extracting a keyword from the information on the accessed program for extracting a program which interests said user in accordance with said extract keyword with reference to said broadcast program list.